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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE ARMY (RESEARCH,
DEVELOPMENT, AND ACQUISITION)

ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE NAVY (RESEARCH,
ENGINEERING, AND SYSTEMS)

ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE (RESEARCH,
DEVELOPMENT, AND LOGISTICS)

DIRECTOR, DEFENSE ADVANCED RESEARCH PROJECTS AGENCY

SUBJECT: GRILL FLAME Activity (U)

Reference: USDRE Memo of 5 Mar 80 on the subject.

(S/NF) The reference limited OUSDRE sponsorship of GRILL FLAME research activities, but interposed no objection to low-level support to intelligence-related efforts.

(S/NF) Since 1980, jointly sponsored research by DIA and Army INSCOM has shown GRILL FLAME to have potential for military applications. In the classified annex to the FY 1983 Authorization Conference Report, however, the Intelligence Committee conferees agreed that if research were to continue, it should be outside the National Foreign Intelligence Program. Although DIA should have sufficient funding in FY 1983 to complete its GRILL FLAME evaluation, the conferees did not provide resources for Army intelligence participation in the project.

(S/NF) A scientific review of GRILL FLAME evidence accumulated in the course of a three-year National Foreign Intelligence Program study is to be completed by early April 1983. In the interim, Program 6 resources may be used to maintain the current Army INSCOM capability and supplement as necessary the FY 83 DIA evaluation effort. I would like to be informed in advance of the proposed Program 6 funding sources identified to support these intelligence research activities. Future OUSDRE sponsorship of GRILL FLAME or related activities will depend in part on the results of the DIA evaluation and any other such review as I deem appropriate.

cc: Director, Defense Intelligence Agency
Assistant Chief of Staff,
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